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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL
INFORMATION ON SUDAN

REF: A. STATE 159747, B. 76 KHARTOUM 536

1. EMBASSY MLO IS DCM RICHARD W. BOGOSIAN
2. A. MOST PRESSING FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEM FACING SUDANGOV
NOW IS PERCEIVED SOVIET/LIBYAN/ETHIOPIAN THREAT AGAINST IT
AND OTHER MODERATE AFRICAN STATES, NOTABLY EGYPT. NIMEIRI
HAS PUBLICLY REFERRED TO NEW SOCIALIST IMPERIALISM IN
REFERENCE TO THIS PROBLEM. CLOSELY RELATED TO THIS SET OF
ISSUES IS QUESTION OF RED SEA SECURITY WHICH, IN ADDITION TO
EGYPT, ALSO INVOLVES SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER ARAB LITTORAL
STATES. NOT CLEAR HOW THESE PROBLEMS WILL EMERGE AT UNGA,
IF AT ALL, BUT QUESTIONS OF ARMS CONTROL IN AFRICA/INDIAN
OCEAN AREAS OR GENERAL HORN OF AFRICA DISCUSSIONS, SHOULD
THEY ARISE, WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO SUDANESE MENTION OF ITS
STRONG INTEREST IN REGIONAL ISSUES. OTHERWISE SUDANGOV CAN
BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW ARAB/AFRICAN/G-77 CONSENSUS ON
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MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WHICH
LIKELY DOMINATE UNGA PROCEEDINGS.

B. GENERALLY SAME AS REF B, PARA 1-B. HOWEVER,
SUDANGOV GRADUALLY PLAYING MORE ASSERTIVE ROLE REGARDING
NORTHEAST AFRICA/RED SEA REGION AND VIS-A-VIS SOVIET
ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA GENERALLY. ON MATTERS OF LESS THAN

CENTRAL IMPORTANCE TO SUDAN AND OF RELATIVE COMPLEXITY,
SUDANGOV LIKELY TO LOOK FIRST TO EGYPT FOR LEADERSHIP
AND ALSO TO SAUDI ARABIA.

C. GENERALLY SAME AS REF B, PARA 1-C.

D. GENERALLY SAME AS REF B, PARA 1-D.

E. GENERALLY SAME AS REF B, PARA 1-E. HOWEVER, IN
PAST YEAR AND A HALF SINCE REF B WAS WRITTEN BILATERAL
RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY. MOREOVER, SUDANESE
CONCERN OVER SOVIET/RADICAL ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA CAN BE
EXPECTED TO AFFECT ITS POSITION ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES.
THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, SUDANGOV REFUSED SPONSOR HOSTILE KOREAN
RESOLUTION LAST YEAR, BEFORE MATTER WAS DROPPED ALTOGETHER.
AT SAME TIME, SUDANESE VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN
AFRICAN AND NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES MAY GENUINELY DIFFER WITH
THOSE OF US AND VIEWS EXPRESSED PARA 1-E, REF B WOULD
REMAIN VALID.

3. ON BALANCE BELIEVE PRESENT CORDIAL RELATIONS,
SUDANGOV'S GENERALLY MODERATE POLICIES AND GROWING
ASSERTIVENESS ARGUE IN FAVOR CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH
SUDANDEL IN NEW YORK AND KHARTOUM, EVEN IF COMPLETE
SUCCESS IS NOT ASSURED.

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